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Subject: Re: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

Thanks Andy! --John

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Subject: RE: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

Just cleared the paper in STICS with the following comment:

Sent to IOAA for AN on 11/15. Comments received from OCSPP, relayed to authors and management. Clearing paper for submission; any further comments received should be considered along with comments from journal peer reviewers.

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Subject: Re: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

Great, thank you Andy.

I plan to relay to NJ that they can share the manuscript figures inside of the Agency. I agree with not sharing the manuscript outside DEP until it is accepted for publication.

And I will continue to sit tight on submitting the manuscript to a journal until I hear you have cleared it for submission (--hoping for later today!).

Have a great holiday season,
John

From: Gillespie, Andrew <Gillespie.Andrew@epa.gov>

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Given that NJDEP is a coauthor, I have no concerns about them sharing the manuscript and figures with others inside NJDEP for now.

My advice would be that it not be shared outside NJDEP until it is accepted for publication – the same way we should treat any manuscript in review.

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Subject: Re: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

Hi Andy,

Quick questions of you.

At our meeting, New Jersey DEP asked if they could show some of my figures to others. I responded that they probably cannot do so yet, because the manuscript is not cleared.

If you decide to complete clearance on Friday, can I tell DEP they can show the manuscript figures to others, but not distribute the figures (neither hardcopy nor email -- this is my preference)? If your answer is yes, is it yes to only inside the DEP or yes to people in general as the DEP judges?

If your answer is yes and you have cleared the manuscript, I plan to talk with DEP next week.

Thanks and have a great time off for the holidays!

John

From: Gillespie, Andrew <Gillespie.Andrew@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 7:49 AM

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Subject: FW: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

FYI, comments from OCSPP on the paper, for your consideration.

I plan to clear the paper on Friday as I will be out of the office after that for 3 weeks.

Once I clear it, you are good to submit the paper.

If we do get comments from NJ, please consider them when received either before you submit, or when you respond to journal peer review comments.

Good luck, Andy

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Sharing comments on the Washington et al. PFAS manuscript from OCSPP-OPPT.

Note: Region 2 asked for a one-week extension on providing comments.

Jeff

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Subject: RE: ORD Advanced Notification: Manuscript: Washington et al., Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey

Hi Jeff,

There are some statements in this manuscript that gave me pause. For example, there is a discussion about the identification of "Solvay's product" in New Jersey. A valid CASRN is provided in the introduction for the chemical substance; however, it is not for a chemical substance that has come through EPA's new chemicals program, and it is not on the inventory. But then in the conclusions, there are statements like "indicate the source of the these C1PFPECAs in New Jersey likely are from Solvay". Otherwise, I didn't see any factually incorrect statements about TSCA or OPPT policies.

Todd

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ORD is providing for advanced notification a recently developed manuscript. The manuscript is Washington et al., *Nontargeted mas-spectral discovery of novel PFAS & their use to fingerprint legacy PFAS in New Jersey*. This advanced notification is being provided to OCSPP-OPPT and Region 2.

The goal of this advanced notification is to ensure there are no policy statements contained within the product or factual errors regarding programs and to avoid surprises of published data relevant to the activities of our program and regional partners.

We ask for your comments by COB Monday, December 9.

Please provide any comments you might have and let me know should you have any questions. Thanks in advance!

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(resending revised manuscript following comments from Bruce)...

Hello Bruce – here is another PFAS manuscript from CEMM for advanced notification, using some of our recently generated data from New Jersey to identify some new PFAS congeners in soil samples as well as using those data for fingerprinting likely sources. Given the novel nature of the PFAS and their presence in soil, I suggest sharing with OCSPP and OLEM for advanced notification. We made OCSPP aware of the novel PFAS findings last year, when we first generated the data, so this should not be a surprise.

Text of fact sheet is below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please let me know if there are any questions, and thank you for your assistance.

Best regards, Andy

Transmittal Summary Document
ORD Manuscript Review

1. Manuscript Title:

Use of Nontargeted PFAS to Develop a Legacy PFAS Fingerprint in New Jersey

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1. Background/Overview:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requested ORD's assistance to investigate legacy PFAS distribution in NJ, including two potential PFAS sources. NJDEP collected soil, vegetation and water samples from transects and from across much of the state, delivering soil/veg samples to Athens and water to RTP.

In this manuscript, we report on soil PFAS in New Jersey, not US water. In soil, we identified ten new PFAS compounds, chlor-perfluoro-polyether-carboxylates (CIPFPECAs), using nontargeted analyses and semiquantitated the concentrations of these compounds. We contoured these CIPFPECA values on a map, forming a pattern focusing on one of the potential sources identified by NJDEP.

We used the CIPFPECA data, and PFAS reaction stoichiometry, to develop a fingerprint of legacy PFAS. When this legacy fingerprint was contoured on a map, it formed a pattern focusing on both potential sources identified by NJDEP.

1. Relevancy to program office/regional research needs/priorities:

The data and information reported here suggest that fingerprinting of PFAS may be possible in certain situations to support risk managers in identifying sources of specific PFAS.

1. Name(s) of program/regional office coauthors or reviewer(s) of earlier drafts, if any

No program or regional coauthors or reviewers. Staff from NJ DEP are included as coauthors. Draft manuscript has been shared for awareness with R2 POC for the NJ collaboration.

1. Major observations and results:

Collectively, our results: (i) identify ten novel PFAS, CIPFPECAs, not previously detected in the environment, including congeners with no previous reports, so far as we know; (ii) suggest many CIPFPECA congeners have bioconcentration potential on the order of or greater than PFOA and PFOS; (iii) document the widespread distribution of CIPFPECAs over much of densely populated New Jersey;

(iv) indicate the source of these CIPFPECAs in New Jersey dominantly are from Solvay; (v) were used to fingerprint historical sources of legacy long-chain PFCAs C11 and C13 being from Solvay, and C10 and C12 from the Chemours facility; and (vi) document discernable signals of these legacy PFCAs across an expansive breadth of south Jersey persisting today.

1. Potential implications of the findings:

These data and information: (i) are of interest to NJDEP staff; (ii) suggest a potential exposure of a large population to PFAS; and (iii) also suggest a potential for bioaccumulation.

1. Findings advancing existing scientific knowledge:

Advances in scientific knowledge include: (i) identification/elucidation of ten new PFAS congeners, potentially with isomers, in the environment; (ii) development of methods to detect these compounds on conventional LC/MS/MS; (iii) document sorting of PFAS in atmospheric plumes by molecular mass, perhaps for the first time; (iv) document considerable atmospheric transport distances of PFAS having very low vapor pressures (i.e., chemically non-gaseous PFAS), contrary to expectations of many chemists (e.g., me); (v) reporting of semiquantitative concentrations of nontargeted analytes for the first time in the peer-reviewed literature so far as I know (I had reported semi-quantitated values for targeted compounds in the past but not nontargeted); (vi) perhaps reports one of the first fingerprints of legacy compounds in a complex contaminant setting – there's lots of literature noise about fingerprinting, but I have seen no real-world examples that aren't isolated sites in generally pristine surroundings or unique compounds.

1. Publication information (journal, book) and estimated timelines:

Optimistically, I hope to have this thru clearance by the end of November. When clearance is complete, I plan to submit to the journal Science. Realistically, I understand the strong chance of rejection by Science at which time I would rewrite for format and submit to ES&T.

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